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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS QUARTERLY LABOR

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY** for the week of July 7-13, 2002. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Statistician

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 17,000 hired farm and ranch workers in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the week of July 7-13, 2002, down 1,000 from last year. Wages of \$8.03 an hour were paid to all hired workers, 57 cents less than the national average and down 9 cents from last July. Operators paid their livestock workers an average of \$8.11 and field workers earned \$7.15 an hour. Hours worked on farms and ranches decreased 4.9 hours from last year at 42.8 hours per week, but was 3.1 hours above the national average. New Mexico had 6.7 days suitable for field work during the survey week. Main farm activities included maintaining fields, cutting hay, finishing the wheat harvest and irrigating fields. Ranchers were supplementing feed and hauling water.

UNITED STATES: There were 966,000 (excluding agricultural service employees) workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.60 per hour during the July 2002 survey week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.91 per hour, up 21 cents from last July. Livestock workers

earned \$8.37 per hour compared with \$7.89 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 27 cents from last year. Number of hours worked averaged 39.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 0.2 hours from a year ago.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2001-02 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Jul 8-14 2001	Jul 7-13 2002	Jul 8-14 2001	Jul 7-13 2002	Jul 8-14 2001	Jul 7-13 2002	Jul 8-14 2001	Jul 7-13 2002
	-----Thousands-----							
Workers on Farms All Hired Workers	24	19	18	17	85	74	1,039	966
	-----Hours Per Week-----							
Hours Worked All Hired Workers	47.0	41.6	47.7	42.8	38.3	39.7	39.9	39.7
	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Workers By Work Type								
Field	7.36	7.23	7.00	7.15	6.58	7.06	7.70	7.91
Livestock	8.05	7.35	8.52	8.11	7.23	7.23	7.89	8.37
Field & Livestock	7.64	7.27	7.46	7.43	6.85	7.14	7.75	8.02
All Workers	8.28	7.82	8.12	8.03	7.23	7.53	8.29	8.60

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.